कोयले के उत्पादन का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :–

(मिलियन टन)

आंकड़ें अनंतिम

वर्ष	भू-गत खान से उत्पादन	ओपेनकास्ट खान से उत्पादन	जोड़
1991–92 . . .	73.49	155.79	229.28
1992–93 . . .	74.90	163.36	238.26
1993–94 . . .	76.44	169.60	246.04

Plans after exhausting coal reserves

6250. SHRI RAMNATH GOVIND:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the coal reserves/deposits in the country will not last beyond the next 4—5 decades;

(b) whether Government have worked out any action plan to meet the situation after exhausting of coal deposits or for substitute thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) The coal reserves in the country as on 1-1-1994 have been assessed at 196891.87 million tonnes. These are likely to last over 100 years even at enhanced rate of production to meet the future demand.

Safety audit in CIL and SCM

6251. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concept of regular safety audit in Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the safety budget of Coal India Limited and Singreni Coal Mines;

(d) whether it is a fact that a lot of accidents have taken place in the opencast mines of Coal India on the surface;

(e) if so, what steps Coal India has taken to eliminate accidents especially with regard to slops stability. accidents due to machinery etc.;

(f) wheher it is also a fact that the lighting standard in the opencast mines and at the railway siding of Coal India Limited are very poor as compared to standard of lighting in the opencast mines and the railway sidings of TISCO; and

(g) why Coal India cannot improve this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Regular Safety Audits are carried out in the mines of Coal India Limited by Safety Officers and senior officials on Internal Safety Organisation. These audits are in the form of inspections made by the officials of the Internal Safety Organisation.

(c) Most of the mining operations both in the Coal India Limited & Singareni Collieries Company Limited cover the safety aspects of such operations. The cost of safety being an internal part of the cost of such operations, the annual budget for each unit thus incorporates the cost of safety organisation and operation.

(d) and (e) A large component of the accidents in opencast mines of Coal India Limited occurs due to operation of machineries in the opencast mines. Steps taken to eliminate such accidents include—

- Imparting initial vocational training to each and every worker engaged in opencast operations;
- Arrangement of Refreshers Courses to suit different categories of workmen;
- Provision of safety device for moving machinery;
- Proper maintenance of Haul Roads and lighting in opencast mines.

For ensuring slope stability, provisions of Coal Mines Regulations are observed.

(f) and (g) Coal India Limited has been following the standards of illumination in open cast mines and railway sidings as laid down in the statute. Whenever a fall in such standards is noticed, action is taken to bring it to desired standards.

Impact of import duty on domestic coal industry

6252. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India had advised not to reduce import duty on coal as that would put the domestic coal industry in an unfair situation;

(b) the reasons for not accepting the advice;

(c) what has been the import of coal after the reduction of import duty and at what price; and

(d) what have been the regulated prices of industrial grade of coal and coking coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since duty reduction has come into effect only from 1-4-1994, it is too early to obtain information about imports since then from the Director General of Foreign Trade.

(d) Government notifies different grades/varieties of coal from time to time. The prices for different grades/varieties of Run-of-Mine (ROM) coal in